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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5127

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF BOXING AND WRESTLING."***

1 In line 3, strike "[Boxing Promotion] Athletic" and insert "Boxing  
2 [Promotion]" in lieu thereof

3 Strike subsection (b) of section 1 in its entirety, and insert the  
4 following in lieu thereof:

5 "(b) The commission shall make recommendations to the Governor,  
6 the Commissioner of [Consumer Protection, the Commissioner of  
7 Economic and Community Development] Public Safety and the  
8 General Assembly, upon the request thereof or at such time or times as  
9 the commission may determine, to encourage, develop and promote  
10 the sport of boxing in this state. Such recommendations shall include,  
11 but not be limited to: (1) Identifying any legal or administrative  
12 impediments to the development of the sport of boxing in this state; (2)

13 identifying ways to improve state and local services designed to  
14 support and promote boxing; (3) identifying ways of developing  
15 young boxers through amateur boxing clubs and other programs;  
16 [and] (4) developing strategies to assist promoters of small-scale  
17 professional boxing events and to aid in the development of a market  
18 for large-scale professional boxing events in this state; and (5)  
19 developing ways to protect the health and safety of participants in  
20 boxing."

21 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

22 "Sec. 2. Section 21a-196 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
23 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

24 (a) As used in this chapter, "commissioner" means the  
25 Commissioner of [Consumer Protection] Public Safety.

26 (b) The commissioner shall have sole control of and jurisdiction over  
27 all amateur and professional boxing and sparring matches [and  
28 wrestling exhibitions] held, conducted or given within the state by any  
29 person or persons, club, corporation or association, except amateur  
30 boxing and sparring matches [or wrestling exhibitions] held under the  
31 supervision of any school, college or university having an academic  
32 course of study or of the recognized athletic association connected  
33 with such school, college or university or amateur boxing and sparring  
34 matches [and wrestling exhibitions] held under the auspices of any  
35 amateur athletic association that has been determined by the  
36 commissioner to be capable of ensuring the health and safety of the  
37 participants; provided the commissioner may at any time assume  
38 jurisdiction over any amateur boxing or sparring match [or wrestling  
39 exhibition] if the commissioner determines that the health and safety  
40 of the participants is not being sufficiently safeguarded. The  
41 commissioner may appoint inspectors who shall, on the order of the  
42 commissioner, represent the commissioner at all boxing matches [and  
43 wrestling exhibitions]. The commissioner may appoint a secretary who  
44 shall prepare for service such notices and papers as may be required

45 and perform such other duties as the commissioner directs.

46 (c) The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized  
47 representative may [:(1) Issue subpoenas to any person involved in  
48 any matter under investigation pursuant to this chapter; (2) subpoena  
49 documentary material relating to any such matter; (3) administer an  
50 oath or affirmation to any person; or (4) conduct hearings in aid of any  
51 such investigation, provided none of the powers conferred by this  
52 chapter shall be used for the purpose of compelling any natural person  
53 to furnish testimony or evidence which might tend to incriminate the  
54 person or subject the person to a penalty or forfeiture. If any person  
55 fails or refuses to obey any such subpoena, the commissioner, after  
56 giving notice, may apply to the superior court for the judicial district of  
57 Hartford which court, after a hearing, may issue an order requiring  
58 such person to obey such subpoena or any part of such subpoena. Any  
59 disobedience of a final order of any court under this section shall be  
60 punished as contempt] cause a full investigation of the location,  
61 paraphernalia and equipment in respect to any boxing or sparring  
62 match and all other matters relating thereto to be made and shall  
63 determine whether or not such match will be reasonably safe for the  
64 participants and for public attendance and may make reasonable  
65 orders concerning alterations, or betterments to the equipment,  
66 paraphernalia, and concerning the character and arrangement of the  
67 seating, means of egress, lighting, firefighting appliances, fire and  
68 police protection and such other provisions as shall make the match  
69 reasonably safe against both fire and casualty hazards.

70 (d) When any serious physical injury, as defined in subdivision (4)  
71 of section 53a-3, or death occurs in connection with a boxing or  
72 sparring match, the owner of the location of the match shall, not later  
73 than four hours after such occurrence, report the injury or death to the  
74 commissioner or the commissioner's designee. Not later than four  
75 hours after receipt of such report, the commissioner or the  
76 commissioner's designee shall cause an investigation of the occurrence  
77 to determine the cause of such serious physical injury or death. The  
78 commissioner or the commissioner's designee may enter into any place

79 or upon any premises so registered or licensed in furtherance of such  
80 investigation and inspection.

81 [(d)] (e) The commissioner, in consultation with the Connecticut  
82 Boxing Commission shall adopt such regulations in accordance with  
83 chapter 54 as the commissioner deems necessary and desirable for the  
84 conduct, supervision and safety of boxing matches, including the  
85 licensing of the sponsors and the participants of such boxing matches,  
86 and for the development and promotion of the sport of boxing in this  
87 state, including, but not limited to, regulations to improve the  
88 competitiveness of the sport of boxing in this state relative to other  
89 states. Such regulations shall require fees for the issuance of licenses to  
90 such sponsors and participants as follows: (1) For referees, a fee of not  
91 less than sixty-three dollars; (2) for matchmakers and assistant  
92 matchmakers, a fee of not less than sixty-three dollars; (3) for  
93 timekeepers, a fee of not less than thirteen dollars; (4) for professional  
94 boxers, a fee of not less than thirteen dollars; (5) for amateur boxers, a  
95 fee of not less than three dollars; (6) for managers, a fee of not less than  
96 sixty-three dollars; (7) for trainers, a fee of not less than thirteen  
97 dollars; (8) for seconds, a fee of not less than thirteen dollars; (9) for  
98 announcers, a fee of not less than thirteen dollars; and (10) for  
99 promoters, a fee of not less than two hundred fifty dollars.

100 (f) No organization, gymnasium or independent club shall host a  
101 sparring match unless such organization, gymnasium or independent  
102 club registers with the Department of Public Safety in accordance with  
103 this subsection. The commissioner shall register any organization,  
104 gymnasium or independent club that the commissioner deems  
105 qualified to host such matches. Application for such registration shall  
106 be made on forms provided by the department and accompanied by a  
107 fee of fifty dollars. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this  
108 chapter, the commissioner or an authorized representative may inspect  
109 the facility of any such organization, gymnasium or independent club.  
110 The Attorney General, at the request of the Commissioner of Public  
111 Safety, may apply in the name of the state of Connecticut to the  
112 Superior Court for an order temporarily or permanently restraining

113 any organization, gymnasium or independent club from operating in  
114 violation of any provision of this chapter or the regulations adopted  
115 pursuant to this subsection. The commissioner, in consultation with  
116 the Connecticut Boxing Commission shall adopt such regulations, in  
117 accordance with chapter 54, as the commissioner deems necessary for  
118 the conduct, supervision and safety of sparring matches.

119 [(e)] (g) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the  
120 commissioner, may enter into a contract with any person for the  
121 services of such person acting as an inspector appointed in accordance  
122 with the provisions of this section.

123 [(f) The commissioner may disallow the conduct of any professional  
124 wrestling exhibition if the commissioner determines that the health  
125 and safety of the participants is not being sufficiently safeguarded.]"

126 Strike sections 3, 4 and 5 in their entirety and renumber the  
127 remaining section accordingly